

[21st October 1927]

* Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" With reference to the answer to clause (b), may I know whether it is not the desire of the Government that this province should make some profit out of the manufacture of sandalwood oil ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I am as anxious as the hon. Member that the province might benefit in the way suggested by him."

Government Press

Necessity for the post of the Publication Assistant in the Government Press.

* 797 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) when and why the post of the Publication Assistant in the Government Press was created; who was the first incumbent, what were his qualifications, what were the duties assigned to him and discharged by him and how he happened to be selected;

(b) whether the said post is still continued, and if so, who is the present incumbent, what are the present duties discharged by him and how he came to be appointed to the post;

(c) what was the period of service put in by the present Publication Assistant before he was appointed to the post and what was his grade prior to the appointment;

(d) what is the present pay of the post and of the officer holding it;

(e) whether the duties of the Head Clerk are the same as that of the Publication Assistant and what the pay of the Head Clerk is and in what grade; and

(f) if the duties of the two officers are the same, whether there is any necessity of retaining both the officers at the same time?

A.—(a) The post of Publication Assistant in the Government Press was created in December 1908 for the purpose of relieving the Superintendent, Government Press, of routine work with which he was swamped and generally to strengthen the supervision of the press. The first incumbent of the post was Mr. T. K. Narayana Ayyangar who was appointed to the post on account of his experience of the general work of the press and his qualifications in having passed the Accounts and Technical tests of the press. The duties he performed were mainly those of an office manager and the supervision of the publication depot. He also relieved the Superintendent of much routine work.

(b) Yes. Mr. Mariapaokiam Pillai is the present incumbent. He was appointed to the post by promotion from that of the head clerk. He discharges the same duties as those referred to in answer to clause (a) above, subject to such modifications as have been rendered necessary by the transfer of the publication depot to Mount Road.

(c) Fifteen years seven months—Head clerk.

(d) Rs. 200—10—250—Rs. 250.

(e) No. The pay of the head clerk is Rs. 135 in the time-scale of Rs. 125—5—175.

(f) The question does not arise.